GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
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Mining Companies
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of functional mines in the public and private sectors in the country at present State-wise;
(b) whether all these mines observe all laid down environmental guidelines; and
(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

(a): State-wise details of reporting mines as per the MCDR returns submitted to Indian Bureau of Mines (a subordinate office of Ministry of Mines) is annexed.

(b) and (c): No Madam. Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a sub-ordinate office of Ministry of Mines, during inspection of mines in the year 2014-15 has pointed out 34 violations. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued directions to various State Governments for filling complaints under Section 15/19 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 in Competent Courts of Law in case of 92 and 64 mining projects during the year 2014 and 2015 (up to October 2015) respectively for violation of the provisions under the said Act.